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There is no Federal law against murdering the principal officers of the Government responsible for our national security.

A madman, a subversive conspirator, or any other culprit can murder the President, the Vice President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Director of the FBI, the Director of the CIA, or the Director of the Office of Emergency Planning, without being subject to investigation, apprehension, and trial under Federal jurisdiction for that crime.

Yet, history and logic tell us that these Government officials are the most likely targets for the bullets of assassins of any stripe.

History tells us that Lincoln's assassins also nearly succeeded in murdering Secretary of State Seward the same night, and sought to kill Vice President Johnson as part of the same plot.

Logic tells us that the contemporaneous murder of the President, his successors-in-office, and their principal advisors and administrators in national security matters could very likely be a part of an enemy plan to subvert or destroy the United States.

Therefore, it ignores history and logic to make the murder of the President or those in the line of succession to the Presidency a Federal crime, but to leave the murder of the nation's principal national security advisors beyond the reach of Federal jurisdiction.

Therefore, I would include in the coverage of H. R. 6097 the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of the Office of Emergency Planning.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

AMENDMENT

1 Intended to be proposed by Mr. Dodd to H. R. 6097, a bill to
2 amend Title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for the
3 assassination of the President or the Vice President, and for
4 other purposes.

5 On page 1, strike out the title of the bill and insert in lieu
6 thereof the following:

7 To amend Title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties
8 for the assassination of certain Federal officers, and for other
9 purposes.

10 On page 1, beginning with line 6, strike out all down through
11 line 9 and insert in lieu thereof:

12 "Chapter 84 - Assassination, Kidnapping, and Assault of
13 Certain Federal Officers

14 "S. 1751 - Assassination, Kidnapping, and Assault of Certain
15 Federal Officers; penalties

16 On page 2, beginning with line 3, strike out all down through
17 line 6 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

18 States, the Vice President elect; any individual who is acting
19 as President under the Constitution and laws of the United States;
20 the Secretary of State; the Secretary of Defense; the Director,
21 Central Intelligence Agency; the Director, Federal Bureau of Inves-
22 tigation; and the Director, Office of Emergency Planning, shall
23 be punished as provided by sections 1111 and 1112 of this title.

24 On page 4, strike out line 3 and insert in lieu thereof the
25 following:

26 a new chapter reference as follows:

27 "84. Assassination, Kidnapping, and Assault of Certain
28 Federal Officers"

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1. [redacted] William Gordon, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called on behalf of Senator John Sherman Cooper with regard to a [redacted] who is interested in employment possibilities with the Agency. She is the daughter of [redacted] who is well known to Senator Cooper. I arranged a personal interview for [redacted] with [redacted] at 2:15 tomorrow afternoon.

2. [redacted] James Gehrig, Acting Staff Director of the Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences, called. He said in view of recent activities, he thought that it might be useful for the two members of the Committee who received a briefing on Soviet space programs in April to be briefed on events which have happened since that time. He asked if I would query our people to determine whether they felt there was sufficient activity to warrant a new briefing. Gehrig also mentioned that he was most anxious to have Senator Symington receive this briefing (he was unable to attend in April). In addition to Senators Symington, Anderson and Margaret Chase Smith, Gehrig would have Senator Warren Magnuson present. We are taking this up with SD/SAT.

3. [redacted] Milton Wernstrom, in the office of Senator Thomas J. Dodd, called to say that in Committee Senator Dodd had offered an amendment to the Presidential assassination bill to include language making it a Federal crime to assassinate or attempt to assassinate the Director of Central Intelligence and the Director of the FBI. According to Wernstrom, Attorney General Katzenbach was present and said he did not support the amendment. The Committee subsequently voted down Dodd's amendment. I thanked Mr. Wernstrom for his efforts and will also express our appreciation to Senator Dodd.